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Identical letters dated 8 January 2004 from the Permanent Representative of Burkina Faso to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith, for your information, a copy of the peace agreement between the Government of the Republic of Chad and the Mouvement pour la démocratie et la justice au Tchad (MDJT), signed at Ouagadougou on 14 December 2003.

I should be grateful if you would have this document circulated to Member States as a document of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Michel **Kafando**
Permanent Representative

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Annex to the identical letters dated 8 January 2004 from the Permanent Representative of Burkina Faso to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

Peace agreement between the Government of Chad and the Mouvement pour la démocratie et la justice au Tchad (MDJT)

Preamble

The Government of the Republic of Chad and the Mouvement pour la démocratie et la justice au Tchad (MDJT),

Recalling the relevant provisions of the Charter of the United Nations and the treaties of the African Union and the Economic Community of Sahelo-Saharan States concerning the peaceful settlement of disputes,

Aware of the need for dialogue in order to bring about complete and lasting peace and security in the national territory as a whole, which are prerequisites for reconstruction of the country and the consolidation of democracy,

Taking account of clear will of the Government of the Republic of Chad and the Mouvement pour la démocratie et la justice au Tchad (MDJT) to solve the country's problems through dialogue,

Resolved to consolidate the rule of law and, as a consequence, to ensure social progress and full enjoyment of fundamental freedoms,

Confident of the determination and sincerity of His Excellency Mr. Idriss Deby, President of the Republic of Chad, in bringing to a successful conclusion the peace process advocated by the Government,

Recognizing the continuing efforts of His Excellency Mr. Blaise Compaoré, President of Burkina Faso, to contribute actively to peace and national reconciliation in Chad,

Have agreed as follows,

Article 1

A ceasefire shall be introduced immediately, no military action of any kind may be taken, no other form of direct or indirect violence may be perpetrated and any media campaign by either party against the other must be terminated.

Article 2

A general amnesty is proclaimed for the benefit of MDJT militants and supporters, and prisoners held by the parties must be released.

Article 3

The Mouvement pour la démocratie et la justice au Tchad (MDJT) shall participate in the management of affairs of State in a spirit of cooperation and in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution.

Article 4

As a matter of urgency and priority, a programme shall be implemented as follows:

- MDJT combatants shall be introduced into and integrated into the Chadian national armed forces (ANT) and paramilitary forces and be rehabilitated, in keeping with their military status;
- The necessary steps shall be taken to ensure conditions conducive to integration of MDJT combatants into the national armed forces within no more than three months;
- Civilian MDJT militants shall be rehabilitated in their former setting.

Article 5

An emergency plan shall be prepared with a view to restoring peace, stability and security so as to promote social and economic development in the areas affected by the war.

Article 6

The MDJT shall, as a matter of urgency, be established as a political party in accordance with the legal provisions governing the political life of the country.

Article 7

A bipartite structure for consultation and follow-up of the implementation of this Agreement shall be set up.

In the case of any violation or disagreement, the two parties shall refer the matter to the mediator country.

Article 8

This peace agreement shall enter into force immediately on the day on which it is signed.

DONE at Ouagadougou on 14 December 2003.

For the Government of the Republic of Chad:
(*Signed*) Abderahman **Moussa**
Minister for Public Security and Immigration

For the Mouvement pour la démocratie et la justice au Tchad (MDJT):
(*Signed*) General Adoum **Togoï Abbo**
Chairman of the MDJT

For Burkina Faso:
(*Signed*) Youssouf **Ouedraogo**
Minister of State, Minister for Foreign Affairs
and Regional Cooperation